Presidents Message

By: Kiel Johnson, P.E.

I hope everyone has been enjoying the unseasonably warm January we have been having the last couple weeks. You may personally thank me for at least one week of warm weather due to the fact that I went on vacation to somewhere warm and tropical in the middle of January and thus we had great weather here for that time frame. It’s a tough job bringing warm weather to KC in the form of taking vacations, but I’m willing to take on this heavy burden. I heard that we were warmer than Miami, Florida Jan. 28th which just seems crazy to me. I’m looking forward to catching a great Super Bowl game with the Seahawks and Patriots clashing in Arizona. I’m still undecided who to cheer for so I guess I’m looking forward to a good game. It’s hard to not cheer for the Hawk’s Legion of Boom though.

January’s joint meeting with MSPE Western Chapter at Gordon Biersch went well. The speaker was Dr. Paul M. Rutherford who discussed Summit Technology located in Lee’s Summit and how it was the genesis of other similar programs in the area. He definitely appears to be excited about higher level engineering experiences for high school students and has an excellent program that has won the Presidential Award.

This weekend promises to be a busy one for KSPE. The model bridge building competition will be held at KU Edwards Campus on Saturday at 10am and the Community Service event at the Harvesters Food Bank in KCMO will start at 9:30am. If you are still interested in participating please contact Anne Schroer for the Harvesters event or Mark Johnston for the model bridge building event. More volunteers can always be used!

The final details of E-week are being hashed out with MSPE Western Chapter in the coming days. Deb Miller will be the speaker and I’m sure her experiences on the Surface Transportation Board will create an interesting perspective for all of us. I look forward to seeing everyone there on February 26th.

Finally, we have had a request from Shirley Wing at JCCC with regard to their engineering club. They are requesting that some newly graduated engineers (one-three years out of school) come and speak with their students at one of the meetings in March or April. If you or someone you know might be interested in helping out please contact me and I can get you in touch with Shirley. This is a great opportunity to help out some students pursuing engineering and I hope we have some younger members step up.

Everyone enjoy Shrimp Bingo Friday night and drive safe!

KSPE EC Website

The website will be updated on the 1st of each month or as needed should there be time sensitive information.

Check it out…
www.kansasengineer.org/Chapters/Eastern.aspx

If you have photos taken at KSPE events, please submit them to Cheri Schoenhals, cschoenhals@gbateam.com, for inclusion in the newsletter.
Save the Date
Annual Legislative Luncheon at the Kansas State Capital

Eastern Chapter will have the annual lunch meeting with the Johnson County Legislative Delegation on Wednesday, March 25, 2015. The lunch will be at the State Capital Building in Topeka so please mark your calendar and plan to take advantage of this opportunity to talk with our lawmakers. More details will be available in the next newsletter.

Upcoming Chapter Meeting Announcement

February Lunch Meeting
Hyatt Skywalk Collapse & Skywalk Memorial Foundation
Sol Koenigsberg, Bill Quatman, and Brent Wright

Date: Tuesday, February 24th
Venue: Cinzetti’s
7201 W. 91st Street
Overland Park, KS 66212

Menu: Italian Buffet: sandwiches, pasta, pizza, salad, desserts, and drinks
Cost: $20
Agenda:
11:30 a.m.: Registration/Networking
12:00 p.m.: Lunch
12:30 p.m.: Presentation
Board Meeting to follow

RSVP: Friday, February 20th to cschoenhals@gbateam.com
No shows will be billed

Engineer Week Luncheon

Make plans to attend the annual KC Metro Engineers Week luncheon on Thursday, February 26 at the KC Downtown Marriott Muehlebach Tower. We are pleased to welcome the Vice Chairman of the Surface Transportation Board Deb Miller back to the area as our featured speaker. From the booths to the speaker you won’t want to miss this exciting event. Registration opens soon at http://eweek.mspe-wc.org.
Thank you to our sponsors!

The KSPE Eastern Chapter wishes to extend a huge thank you to the engineering firms, contractors, and material suppliers for supporting the MATHCOUNTS, Bridge Building and Engineering Preparation programs. These programs would not be possible without their support.

Executive Hills Management, Inc.
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Supporting STEM

KSPE Eastern Chapter supports local STEM activities with the generous donations from its members. Every semester applications are accepted and evaluated. Several items are considered in the evaluation: how will the funds be used, what will be the exposure for KSPE, how does the program align with STEM initiatives, and what other funding is available to the program.

This semester’s recipient was Shawnee Mission South’s Academic Decathlon team. This impressive program won first place at the State Tournament for the 15th year in a row. The team will travel to Southern California for the National Tournament April 16-18. This year’s score was South’s best ever and one student achieved the highest score in the history of the Kansas competition.

Academic Decathlon is a national competition where students are given materials organized around a yearly theme. This year’s theme is New Alternatives in Energy: Ingenuity and Innovation. Students study art, music, economics, history, literature, science related to the theme and take objective tests to test their knowledge. Students also take a math exam, write an essay, give a speech and are interviewed. The competition finale is the SuperQuiz, where students collaborate on questions from six of the topics in front of an audience.
# Treasurer’s Report

**Eastern Chapter**  
East Kansas Society of Professional Engineers (KSPE)  
Treasurer's Report for January 2015  
January 15, 2015

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Respectfully Submitted,  

Cindy McCarth, P.E.  
Treasurer  

Total: **$23,026.01**
January 2015 Meeting Minutes

Monthly Board Meeting
Date: 1/15/15
Time: 4:30pm   Location: Gordon Biersch

Attendees: Kiel Johnson, Tony Rome, Cindy McCann, Charlie Love, Rod Holcomb, Tawn Nugent

Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order by Mr. Johnson at 4:40pm.

Reports:
Treasurer’s Report: Cindy presented 2 months of reports due to no Board Meeting at the December meeting. Some questions were raised regarding the budget and pricing for meetings.

Committee Reports
Legislative
Brett H. is the new JOCO delegation chair and Charlie is planning to follow up with him regarding the statehouse visit this year. Charlie requested a minimum 3 week advance notice of the date.

MathCounts
Tony has enough volunteers for the event and plans to send an email reminder. The number of tables/chairs available to us changed and he was forced to rent some additional for the event.

Model Bridge Building
Event is Saturday January 31st at KU Edwards @ 10am. Roughly 100 kits were sent out again this year with 60-70 students anticipated. Terracon will be providing some equipment and potential volunteers. Mark may need 1-2 more volunteers for the event.

Fundraising
Lingering concerns regarding KSPE’s email to sponsors and firms regarding a one time donation for the whole year to KSPE and how it will affect KSPE EC’s fundraising attempts for EFK. The amount of donations are down this year thus far. Rod would like to create a poster board for our events that has all the sponsors on it.

Membership
No report.

Awards
Nominations were taken and a vote was taken to confirm EC’s Engineer of the Year award recipient.

Young Engineers
YE event in December was lightly attended. A BBQ will be in the works for the spring event.

Engineering Prep
Tawn presented the criteria breakdown and based on a percentage of the scores out of 200, $400 will be donated to the academic decathlon.

Engineer’s week
Save the date postcard has been sent. Two articles have been submitted thus far. Still having coordination issues with MSPE WC regarding the event.
Meeting Minutes continued

Advertising
   No report.

Community Service
   Harvesters event on January 31st. Anne still needs a few volunteers.

State Director
   Gaches is still looking for a replacement for the KSPE Executive Director.

Chapter Meetings
   Final details are being hashed out for the February joint meeting.

Old Business – On going coordination with MSPE WC for E-week.

New Business- January 29th is the deadline for newsletter.

Meeting Adjourned at: 5:30pm
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